

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

As each color section is drawn over the selectively heated resistive elements, it is subjected to a longitudinal tension particularly by the forward pulling force of the motorized donor web take-up spool. Since the dye transfer area in the color section is heated by the resistive elements, but the two longitudinal edge areas alongside the dye transfer area are not, the dye transfer area is significantly weakened and therefore is vulnerable to being ~~longitudinally stretching~~ longitudinally stretched as compared to the two edge areas.

Consequently, the longitudinal tension will stretch the dye transfer area relative to the two longitudinal edge areas. This stretching causes the dye transfer area to become thinner than the non-stretched edge areas, which in turn causes some creases or wrinkles to develop in the dye transfer area, most acutely in those regions of the dye transfer area that are close to the non-stretched longitudinal edge areas. The creases or wrinkles occur most acutely in the regions of the dye transfer area that are close to the non-stretched edge areas because of the sharp, i.e. abrupt, transition between the stretched (thinner) transfer area and the non-stretched (thicker) edge areas.